



USS Philadelphia (SSN 690)

Commander Naval Submarine Forces

Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet

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CDR Steven M. Oxholm Commanding Officer

Commander Oxholm, a native of Vergennes, Vermont, graduated from Vergennes Union High School in 1981.

He attended St. Louis University graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics in 1985 and earned a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1990. He completed Joint Professional Military Education Phase One through the Air Force Air Command and Staff College in 2000.

Commander Oxholm's previous commands include USS JACK (SSN 605) as a division officer and Weapons Officer, USS GURNARD (SSN 662) as Main Propulsion Assistant, Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada as Staff Officer for Training, USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) as Engineer Officer, Submarine Squadron TWO as Deputy Commander for Readiness.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

Still Making History

The first Philadelphia was a gondola built by Gen. Benedict Arnold on Lake Champlain in 1776. She was shot by a 24-pound shot and sank on October 11.

The second Philadelphia was a frigate commissioned April 5, 1800. She assisted in the undeclared war with France until October 31, 1803, when she ran aground off Tripoli harbor. She had captured over five French ships and recaptured over six American ships.

The next Philadelphia was an iron-hulled steamer put into service as a blockade ship during the Civil War.

The fourth Philadelphia was a cruiser commissioned in 1890 and decommissioned in 1902.

The fifth and most recent Philadelphia (CL 41) was a light cruiser commissioned on September 23, 1937. She was part of one of the largest Naval forces deployed during WWII, and took part in the American assaults on Morocco, Sicily, France and other places. She decommissioned in 1947.

Facts and Figures

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; General Dynamics Electric Boat Division
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36.8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes